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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 09 July 2000.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-30 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☒ Claim(s) 1-30 are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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Election/Restrictions

1. Restriction to one of the following inventions is required under 35 U.S.C. 121:

- I. Claims 1-11, drawn to diagnostic testing of a switching system having dedicated channel, classified in class 370, subclass 251.
- II. Claims 12-14, drawn to switching a message which includes an address header and sequencing or re-sequencing of packets to insure proper output sequence order, classified in class 370, subclass 394.
- III. Claims 15-30, drawn to data flow congestion prevention or control including flow control of data transmission through a network, classified in class 370, subclass 235.

The inventions are distinct, each from the other because of the following reasons:

2. Inventions of groups I, II, and III are related as combination and subcombination. Inventions in this relationship are distinct if it can be shown that (1) the combination as claimed does not require the particulars of the subcombination as claimed for patentability, and (2) that the subcombination

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has utility by itself or in other combinations (MPEP § 806.05(c)). In the instant case, the combination as claimed does not require the particulars of the subcombination as claimed because the invention of group I, that of using dedicated channel for initial transmission, retransmission, for transmitting the data information only, or for both the initial and retransmission, the invention of group II, that of processing and transmitting the packet data that matched the received sequence number, and the invention of group III, that of performing channel-processing of the packet data and side information through the different transport channels and multiplexing the packet data and side information and transmitting and retransmitting the multiplexed information over the dedicated and common channel can function independently and does not dependent on the particulars of each other to function as claimed. The subcombination has separate utility such as to provide more reliability by use of dedicated channel, more system efficiency by processing and matching the sequence number to insuring proper sequence order of packets as in path-finding, and to prevention congestion by better control of data transmission through the network using the first, second transport channels, the common, dedicated channel, and step of

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multiplexing as in the inventions of Groups I, II, and III, respectively.

Conclusion

3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Shick C Hom whose telephone number is 571-272-3173. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday to Friday with alternate Fridays off.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Seema Rao can be reached on 571-272-3174. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

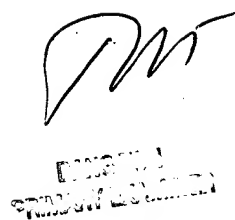
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